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Letter dated 25 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to inform you that the United States of America has been escalating its aggressive and provocative actions against Iraq. During the period from 11 to 14 February 2003, a group of United States helicopters violated Iraq's airspace and international borders in the area of Makr al-Ni`am and Nukhayb west of Ar`ar. This is a flagrant encroachment on Iraq's territory and independence and is in breach of all the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

The danger of these hostile practices lies in the context of the attempts by the United States of America to cobble together any excuse to put into practice its plans against Iraq and in the possibility that these aircraft may drop some proscribed substance, or scatter it somewhere inside Iraqi territory, in order to fabricate pretexts to attack it by alleging that Iraq has buried proscribed substances and is in material breach of Security Council resolutions.

In bringing this matter to your attention, we recall at the same time the many earlier falsifications thought up since 1990 by the United States Administration to justify its aggression against Iraq, beginning with the fabricated story of the baby incubators in a Kuwaiti hospital and including the incident involving the contamination with the chemical agent VX of samples of the remains of destroyed Iraqi missiles. We call on you to take the necessary measures to put an end to these practices in accordance with your responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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